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SUBJECT: DOD INVESTIGATIVE COVERAGE IN SAUDI ARABIA

REF: (A) JIDDA 7542, (B) KARACHI 1715

DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH DOD REPRESENTATIVES, IT WAS LEARN-
ED THAT OSI/TURKEY PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN ENTERING SAUDI
ARABIA FREQUENTLY IN CONNECTION WITH VARIOUS INVESTIGATIVE
MATTERS, AND OSI HAS FOR SOMETIME CONSIDERED THE POSSIBI-
LITY OF ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE IN SAUDI ARABIA. IT AP-
PEARS THAT OSI/TURKEY EASILY COULD ASSUME JURISDICTION
OVER ALL PENDING DOD INVESTIGATIONS IN SAUDI ARABIA. AS A
RESULT, SY HAS WRITTEN TO THE COMMANDER/AFOSI/W REQUESTING
OSI CONSIDER TAKING OVER ALL PRESENT AND FUTURE DOD CASES
IN SAUDI ARABIA. OSI LIAISON CONSIDERS THE PROGNOSIS TO
BE FAVORABLE FOR AN OSI TAKEOVER OF ALL DOD INVESTIGATIVE
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ASSIGNMENTS IN JIDDA ALTHOUGH A 60 TO 90 DAY PERIOD IS
REQUIRED BEFORE ANY DECISION IN THIS MATTER CAN BE FINAL-
IZED. OSI/IRAN REPORTEDLY HAS MORE THAN A ONE YEAR INVES-
TIGATIVE BACKLOG AND A,PARENTLY AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN
IRAN HAS ESTABLISHED CERTAIN GUIDELINES, IN DEFERENCE TO
IRANIAN REQUIREMENTS, WHICH PRECLUDE OSI/IRAN PERSONNEL
FROM VISITING NEIGHBORING SAUDI ARABIA TO CONDUCT INVESTI-

GATIONS. FYI, COL. PERCY MILES, THE NEW COMMANDER OF

AFOSI DISTRICT NUMBER 69 (TURKEY), ALREADY IS PROGRAMMED
TO SURVEY THE SITUATION IN SAUDI ARABIA AND WILL BE AD-
VISED BY OSI TO CONTACT THE RSO UPON ARRIVAL IN JIDDA.
YOU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.
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